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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.


35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ring (U.S. Patent No. 6,475,889). The Examiner states that Ring teaches a method of fabricating a thin film resistor comprising depositing an ITO layer to eliminate an alignment step. For the reasons given in the January 4, 2005 amendment to the Examiner's rejection, applicants respectfully disagree that Ring anticipates the present invention.

At this time, however, applicants have elected to cancel claims 17-18, and request that a notice of allowance be issued for the allowed claims (1-16 and 19-23).

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Should the Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to clarify any issue in order to place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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